

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community”

Niagara United Mennonite Church

November 25th, 2018

ETERNITY SUNDAY

“Called to be Servants of Christ in Our Community” expresses our desire to share our faith and love of Jesus Christ with all we meet. We welcome you and hope that your time with us will be enjoyable and enlightening. Families with children are invited to worship together with us in the service. For children under 3 years old or younger who are not able to sit through the church service, there is a nursery downstairs, or a glassed-in room behind the sanctuary where you may sit with your baby and still follow the service. If you feel a sense of belonging, you are most welcome to be with us. Talk to us about how you can participate.

Our Lighthouse program, which is a time of fellowship and learning for those aged 3 years to Grade 8 is held each Sunday during the Worship Service. The children will be called to the front for the Children’s Moment and then released after that. Parents may pick up their children in the Education Wing at the end of the service.

Today is Eternity Sunday. We remember those who have passed away over the past year:

John Harder	84	Dec. 13
Erika Teichgraf	91	Jan. 28
Mary Hilda Willms	85	Jan. 28
Marie Dirks	95	Jan. 31
Jake Wiens	89	Feb. 14
Irene Wiens	80	Mar. 28
Katharina Wiebe	90	Apr. 23
Nettie (Agnes) Goerz	91	May 4
Arno Enns	90	May 23
Nettie Rahn	87	July 24
Elizabeth Janzen	86	July 22
Katharina Neustaedter	94	Aug. 12
Jake Friesen	93	Sept. 12
Helga Forrer	91	Sept. 15
Walter Andres	80	Oct. 13
Arno Bartel	89	Nov. 1

We pray for God’s peace and healing to bring comfort to families and friends who continue to grieve the loss of loved ones.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Prelude	Kathy Rempel
Congregational Life	John Tiessen
Eternity Sunday Reading	John Tiessen
Worship in Song	Choir
Children's Moment	Kathy Rempel
Offering	

Offering Focus – see financial section

Scripture Reading	John Epp
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(1 Peter 1:3-9)

“Survival Strategies in an Insalubrious World” Pastor Waldo Pauls

Benediction Pastor Waldo Pauls

Today's Nursery Volunteers: Nancy Dube & Allison Dube

Life in the foyer: Lots of good things happen here -- come early! Meet & greet each other; read the bulletin boards; check your mail box; get info at the welcome desk; receive a bulletin. **When the ushers flash the lights at 10:45**, you'll know the service is beginning -- let's worship!

German Service — 9:50 a.m.

Andachtsleiter: Joachim Dau

Orgelspiel:

Grusswort: Psalm 126:5-6

Lied: GB #15 “O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte” (V. 1, 3 u. 4)

Chorlied:

Opfergaben

Chorlied

Andenken an die Verstorbenen

Lied: GB #422 “Näher, mein Gott, zu dir” (V. 1, 3 u. 4)

Schriftwort: Offenbarung 21:1-7

Botschaft: “Am Ende fängt es erst an!” Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen

Lied: GB #422 “Näher, mein Gott, zu dir” (V. 5)

Die nächste deutsche Andacht findet am 9.12. statt.

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

Please continue to pray for: Margarethe Dyck, Audrey Epp, Susan Kaye, Hank Pauls, Irene Penner and David Steingart, as well as others who may need our prayers.

The flowers in front are in memory of David Kopeschny who passed away two years ago. He is fondly remembered by his wife Hedy and family.

FROM THE OFFICE:

Employment Opportunity: Niagara United Mennonite Church has an opening for a Custodian. If you are interested in applying for this position please forward resume via email to Peter Janzen, Church Council Chair janzen@cogeco.net . The deadline for applications is January 1, 2019. All applications are appreciated, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment Opportunity Niagara United Mennonite Church has an opening for an experienced Office Administrator to support the Ministerial Team and the Church's overall programs and activities. This is a 30 hour/week position. Compensation will be based upon qualifications and experience. The full job description is available on the Church website www.redbrickchurch.ca. If you are interested in applying for this position please forward resume via email to Peter Janzen, Church Council Chair janzen@cogeco.net . The deadline for applications is November 30, 2018. All applications are appreciated, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

December Calendar is out at the worship centre. This month we only printed 25 copies as we have had so many November calendars not taken. Often the details on events change as we get closer to them. For this reason, please use the bulletin or the online calendar for the most up to date information.

OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND:

Westview Christian Fellowship needs donations for the winter season.

New socks, underwear, small blankets, scarves & gloves. Food donations for their pantry, gift items for their Christmas gift program. They also need volunteers for their Thursday evening program. Any and all donations of prayers, financial, food and clothing donations are all needed. Help us fill the bins in the foyer.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 323 Simcoe Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake will be holding its Annual Festive Fare on Saturday, December 1st from 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome to attend.

CHORALIS CAMERATA, a 50 voice regional chamber choir under the direction of David Braun, will present "A Festival of Christmas Choral Treasures" featuring highlights from Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Dec. 1 - Knox Presbyterian Church, 53 Church St., St. Catharines - 7:30 pm Dec. 2 - Central United Church, 12 Young St., Welland - 2:30 afternoon. Tickets available by calling 905-646-9225 or at www.choraliscamerata.com.

It's OPERETTA Time again Bus trip to see DIE FLEDERMAUS in Toronto on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Seats have been reserved. Please call Martha Bartel at 905-468-7029 asap if you wish to go.

WITHIN NIAGARA UM CHURCH:

The Christmas Season Advertisement - Last week our bulletins had a advertisement for our Christmas season events. We printed extras so that you can circulate copies around the community, and to friends, family, and co-workers. We still have many available and would love your help in spreading the word about our exciting Advent season. We hope you'll pick up extra copies at the welcome centre and consider asking God who he may be tapping you on the shoulder to share our events with.

Adventsfeier: The annual German "Adventsfeier" has been scheduled for **NEXT SUNDAY December 2nd**, in the afternoon (time 3:30pm). The German Choir will be practicing for this event on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. All who enjoy singing traditional German carols & choral songs are welcome!

Adventsfeier: Please bring cookies and squares to the Adventsfeier at church on Sunday December 2nd. Please drop off in the kitchen in the morning if possible.

Church Archivist needed! We invite you to consider to serve as an Archivist. The archivist collects and sorts material of historical interest to be stored in the church. Kindly contact Harold Neufeld, Chair of the Nominations Committee for more information regarding this role, or to volunteer. Kind thanks for your prayerful consideration.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Lighthouse: We are working on the Advent and Christmas lessons for the next few weeks. Reminder there is no Lighthouse Dec. 25th or Dec 30th

Senior Youth Candlelight Stroll. Get into the holiday spirit by joining our NOTL community for the annual Candlelight Stroll tradition! Walk through old town by candlelight, accompanied by local choirs and seasonal entertainment. Hot chocolate and festive treats to follow at church. Friday, November 30th. Stroll starts at 6:30 from the Old Courthouse on Main Street. Rides going from NUMC at **6:15 SHARP**. This is a FREE event. Candles available for purchase (one for \$3, or two for \$5). See you there!

Junior Youth: December 8th @ 2:00 pm. Join us here at NUMC for cookie and ginger bread house baking. Friends welcome.

FINANCIALS:

Offering of November 18th: \$9,904.00

Budget	\$8,629.00	Christian Witness	\$20.00
Youth Group	\$10.00	MCC Food	\$160.00
Mennonite Cntr Ukraine	\$100.00	MCC	\$885.00
MCC Haiti	\$100.00		

Offering Focus – Our weekly budget requirement is \$7,654. In addition to your budget commitment, this month we encourage your support of MCC. Donations can be directed to their overall operations (where most are needed), or you can specify specific projects such as food for the hungry, school or other relief kits, Generations at Risk (HIV/AIDS) or disaster relief. Please mark your envelope accordingly. Any church donations not allocated to a specific cause will be directed to our budget.

**Audio for our sermons is available online at
www.redbrickchurch.ca**

Filming Privacy Notice

Our services are sent via closed circuit Television to Radiant Care Pleasant Manor. This captures the stage & up to the front third of the pews in the picture that is transmitted. We encourage all ages to sit in the front pews of the sanctuary. Thanks for your support!

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SEASON:

Next Sunday, December 2nd is the beginning of the Advent season. The **Advent-at-home booklets** are available for families wishing to continue advent discussions at home. We also have some copies of a children's **advent calendar** available this year. Both are available from the Welcome Centre on a first come first serve basis. This year during the Children's Moment, the children will be receiving a gift item, we ask **all children ages 3 to grade 8** to please come to the front of the church during the children's moment, older children are welcome to sit on the first pew if they prefer.

December 2nd ~ First Advent

Watching and Waiting

Candle Lighter- Mr. Peter Dirks Sr.

Children's Moment- Jon Bradnam

Advent Litany Reader- Janice Janzen

December 23rd ~ Fourth Advent

Blessing and Restoration

Candle Lighter – Special Music Team

Children's Moment ~ Katrina Metsa

Advent Litany Reader- Joachim Dau

December 9th ~ Second Advent

Proclaiming

Candle Lighter- Metsa Family

Children's Moment- Katrina Metsa

Advent Litany Reader- Erv Willms

December 25th ~ Christmas Day

Candle Lighter – Anne Marie Enns and Family

No Lighthouse

December 11th ~ Third Advent

Rejoicing in God's Justice

Candle Lighter- Youth

Children's Moment- Kathy Rempel

Advent Litany Reader- Linda Friesen

December 30th ~ 1st Sunday after Christmas

Love Revealed

Children's Moment ~ Jon Bradnam

Advent Litany Reader- Linda Friesen

No Lighthouse

January 6th ~ Epiphany

Light

Children's Moment ~ Kathy Rempel

Advent Litany Reader- John Tiessen

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE (November 26th – Dec. 2nd)

Monday: 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday: 9:00 am Women in Service
7:00 pm German Advent Choir
Wednesday: 7:00 pm 7/8 Girls Bible Study
Thursday: 7:00 pm Praise & Worship practice
7:30 pm Candlelight Practice @ Bethany
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting
Friday: 6:30pm Youth – Ice Dogs Game

Sunday, December 2nd – First Advent & Communion

9:45 am Choir Practice
Morning Drop Off Cookies for Adventsfeier
10:45 am Worship Service – Message by Renate Dau Klaassen
Candle Lighter – Mr. Peter Dirks Sr.
3:30 pm Adventsfeier

Next week's Nursery volunteers: Audrey Dau & Logan Fieguth

For a complete listing of Church events,

Please see our online calendar on our website:

www.redbrickchurch.ca

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Office Hours:

The office is open weekdays from 9 am-3pm.

Pastor Waldo Pauls is in the office Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

Pastor Renate Dau Klaassen is in the office Thursday & Friday mornings.

Please contact the Pastors directly to book an appointment to see them.